

// A special meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, recessed from April 11, was held on the 18th day of April, 2006, at 1:00 P.M., Second Floor Training Room, City Hall, Carl B. Hutcherson, Jr., President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session regarding the FY 2007 Budget. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Seiffert 5

Absent: Gillette, Hutcherson 2

// City Manager Kimball Payne referenced an April 12 memorandum that contained responses from questions posed by City Council at the April 11 work session in addition to two revised spreadsheets showing changes that were made as a result of the work session as well as two staff adjustments resulting from a Parking Authority meeting on April 11. Mr. Payne also explained that the information regarding the Tax Relief for the Elderly Program was not yet ready. City Council discussed two unresolved items, i.e., funding for the new voting machines in addition to funding site amenities/fencing for several neighborhood parks. Following discussion, City Council reached consensus to provide funding for the new voting machines as follows: to fund \$82,000 or one half the costs from this year's budget and to fund the remaining \$82,000 from next year's budget.

// Mayor Hutcherson arrived at 1:45 p.m.

// City Council then reviewed a list of site amenities (\$44,100) and fencing replacements (\$86,000) for several neighborhood parks as requested by the Finance Committee following a request from the Physical Development Committee for \$11,000 to fund site amenities for Biggers Park. Following discussion, City Council agreed that the fencing replacements should be included in next year's Capital Improvements Program. Some Council Members stated that they were not comfortable with going beyond the original request to the Physical Development Committee for \$11,000 for site amenities for Biggers Park. Following discussion, and on motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Dodson, Council by the following recorded vote introduced and laid over to a later meeting for final action Resolution #R-06-038 appropriating \$44,100 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to fund site amenities to several neighborhood parks:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Johnson, Seiffert, Hutcherson 5

Noes: Helgeson 1

Absent: Gillette 1

Council Members spent the remainder of the afternoon looking at various scenarios to balance the FY2007 Budget, including looking for ways to provide additional funding to the Lynchburg City Schools. Council Members Helgeson and Seiffert reiterated their earlier position that with the additional \$7.6 million in State funding to the Schools, City Council should reduce the local funding to provide a reduction in the City's real estate tax rate and the BPOL tax, in that the reasoning behind the State providing more funding to the local School systems was an effort to take some of the pressure off of local governments via local real estate tax rate reductions. Following discussion, City Council made some adjustments to the two spreadsheets and agreed to fund certain expenditures from one-time, non-recurring monies, which would

leave \$210,157 available for additional funding to the Schools. On motion of Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Dodson, Council by the following recorded vote agreed to provide \$201,157 in additional funding to the Lynchburg City Schools FY2007 Budget:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Johnson, Hutcherson 4

Noes: Helgeson, Seiffert 2

Absent: Gillette 1

On motion of Council Member Dodson, seconded by Vice Mayor Foster, Council by the following recorded vote approved the revised non-recurring cash resources/expenditures balance:

Ayes: Dodson, Foster, Johnson, Hutcherson 4

Noes: Helgeson, Seiffert 2

Absent: Gillette 1

// The meeting was recessed at 2:56 p.m. to April 25, at 3:00 p.m., to conduct a work session regarding the Fifth Street Corridor Plan.

Clerk of Council